

FROZEN RIVER DELAYS COAL LADEN BARGES

New York Suffers in Grip of Cold Wave; Officials Are Powerless.

New York, Jan. 3.—The fuel question for New York City loomed tonight as the most serious proposition of the year. The arrival of a number of cars via the Hudson and East Rivers and through the North River tunnels of the Pennsylvania Railroad helped to some extent, but the situation was aggravated by the freezing in of a number of coal-laden barges which, it was confidently believed, had every opportunity of arriving.

Mayor Hylan, in office only forty-eight hours, acting in co-operation with national, State and city officials, did everything possible to secure relief, but his efforts had been scantily rewarded tonight.

Women Demand Coal.

Efforts were being made tonight to prevent the ice, already defying ice-breakers, from becoming a solid mass about the city. An attempt was made to smash the ice-bar between Sandy Hook, which prevents huge ice floes moving out to sea. Police boats and fire boats are being pressed into service to keep the waters clear. The Hudson is frozen as far down as the upper reaches of the city.

Mayor Hylan was visited this afternoon by a delegation of women from the East Side, who demanded that the new municipal administration assist the people by buying and distributing fuel and food. The mayor appointed a committee of coal men to deal with the situation.

It was announced that the mayor's office had arranged with a local gas company for placing on sale in Harlem three thousand bushels of coke weekly. A bushel is to sell at twenty cents, and that is the maximum to one consumer.

A number of cars of coal reached the water, but sufficient labor to unload them was not available. Of six or seven cars which had come through the Pennsylvania tunnels five went to Brooklyn and the remainder to points on Long Island.

A number of street cleaners were sent to New Jersey to assist in loading cars with coal, and the State Defense Council tonight promised to supply a number of men to assist the city in its present emergency.

Thirty-one schools failed to open their doors today because of the lack of fuel or broken water pipes, due to freezing.

Harbor officials estimated that over 50 trans-Atlantic vessels lie in the harbor awaiting bunker coal. Only thirteen vessels have been coaled since Tuesday.

SIMS; PERSHING TOO, THANKS RED CROSS

Admiral and General Send Message of Appreciation to Helpers.

Gen. Pershing and Admiral Sims have sent their thanks and expressions of appreciation in behalf of their commands to the women of the American Red Cross.

Gen. Pershing's message was: "Please express to the women of the American Red Cross sincere thanks of all ranks for Christmas greetings. The love and confidence of our women will make us all better men and better soldiers, and hold us firm in courage and determination to win."

Admiral Sims said: "Officers and men of the United States naval forces operating in European waters deeply appreciated the special message of love and sympathy from the women of the American Red Cross. The message and senders are alike an inspiration to the navy."

ENEMY TRADING ACT PROVISIONS RELAXED

The War Trade Board yesterday relaxed the provisions of the Trading with the Enemy act so that branches of American firms doing business in foreign countries may accept and pay drafts or deliver goods to "enemy" or "ally of enemy" firms when such transactions are necessary to prevent violation of the laws of the country in which the transaction occurs. Each transaction must be reported to the board.

The board announced that Black and Son, of Mexico City, have been removed from the enemy trading list and that the name of "Nicolas Casariego, Havana, Cuba," should be changed to "Nicolas Casariego y Capetillo, Cienfuegos, Cuba."

The board also cautions exporters against shipping wire rope as "galvanized wire" without licenses.

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Letter Pleases General; Meade Boy Gets Holiday

Private Rambo Granted Week's Leave to See Folks Again and Enjoy More of Mother's Cake.

Camp Meade, Md., Jan. 3.—Private D. M. Rambo, 18th Infantry, was secured for the first time since he left his home to fight for Uncle Sam. He would never finish from facing a Boche, but this business of being sent for by the general to come to headquarters was another matter. The "old man," as Brig. Gen. William J. Nicholson is known, is not apt to send for a private unless there's the dickens to pay.

Private Rambo had just gulped down a slice of cake out of his Christmas box, when the orderly came riding up to inform him that the general wanted to see him at once and that he'd better be "hurry."

That he'd better be the old man, that slice of cake was up in Private Rambo's throat, and there was an uncomfortable feeling down his spine.

"Private Rambo," the general suddenly burst forth, "did you write this letter?"

Private Rambo looked, cleared his voice and admitted he had.

It read: "Dear Mother and Father—Am writing you a letter to let you know I received your letter and also the box (Christmas box). You sent the box by express. Why didn't you send them things by parcel post. Everything was fine, but the honey had got warm and ran through the box. The cake was good, too. There's a fellow here I knew in the city. He thinks your cake can't be beat. We had a fine time yesterday, entertainments and turkey dinner. Now all I want is to get home for a week and then I'm ready to go. I have that new felt better in all my life than I do now. This is sure a healthy life. Plenty of work and all you can eat. Now don't forget to send a cake once in a while, for a box of things like you sent makes life better. You can write and let me know when you send some more cake. With love for all. Your son, 'D. T. RAMBO'."

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WAR POSTERS SHOWN AT CLUB RECEPTION

January Program of Entertainments Announced at Exhibition.

A reception and exhibition of French war posters was held yesterday afternoon at the Arts Club, 2017 I street northwest. The program for the month of January, announced yesterday, follows:

Sunday evening at 8:30 a musical will be given. Those who will take part include Miss Thelma Smith, soprano; Charles Frailey, violinist, and Paul Bleyden, accompanist.

The regular club dinner will be given next Thursday night. Members of the music committee will be the hosts.

The quartet from the Mount Pleasant Congregational Church, Claude Roberson, director, will provide the program to be given on Sunday evening, January 13, at 8:30 o'clock.

Miss Pauline Jennings, staff lecturer of the New York City board of education, will deliver a lecture on "Robert Browning in His Relation to Music," on Sunday evening, January 20, at 8:30 o'clock.

The board of governors will be the hosts at a club dinner, Thursday evening, January 24, at 7 o'clock, and will close the January program.

NEW CHANGES WILL AFFECT Q. M. CORPS

Gen. Goethals Working on Details of Shake-up Plan.

Reorganization of the army Quartermaster Corps will follow the reorganization of the Ordnance Bureau announced Wednesday.

Gen. W. Goethals is working on the details of the new plan and will announce them shortly. This was stated by Secretary of War Baker yesterday.

The changes in the Ordnance division have been planned for a long time, according to Secretary Baker. They were formulated by Gen. Crozier himself, the Secretary says, before his bureau came under the fire of a Congressional inquiry.

The Quartermaster's Corps has been criticized by the probing Representatives with even more severity than was Gen. Crozier's bureau. The inquiries had but got well under way when the heads of both bureaus were relieved of administrative details for duty on the departmental war council.

Further changes in assignment of general officers are momentarily expected as a part of the department's plan for speeding up war preparations. Successors are to be appointed to Gen. Sibert and Mann, just returned from France, and further new assignments to the command of divisions shortly to go to France are expected soon to be announced.

WILL ENTERTAIN 400 MEADE MEN

The war service board auxiliary to the War Department commission on training camp activities, recreation and entertainments for soldiers at Camp Meade, has arranged with A. J. Thomas, of the Howard Theater, for 400 reserved seats for the officers and enlisted men of Camp Meade to-morrow evening.

The members of Asbury C. M. E. Church, Rev. M. W. Clair, entertained 250 officers and enlisted men from Camp Meade at a New Year Day dinner.

It is the purpose of this war service board auxiliary to provide one or two entertainments each week, and it solicits the co-operation of churches, societies and citizens of the District. Judge R. H. Torrell is chairman and Francis Wells secretary of the board, with rooms at 511 District Building.

Congress May Decide When to Return Roads

The suggestion that Congress may reserve to itself decision as to whether the railroads shall be turned back to their private owners is gaining headway among the friends of government ownership in the House and Senate.

It is proposed that a proviso be attached to any railroad legislation passed stipulating that the roads may be turned back only by an act of Congress.

Senator Norris, of Nebraska, one of the Progressive Republicans of the Senate, said tonight: "Now is certainly the time to discuss this when the President is proposing legislation concerning government operation of the roads. It is a most important phase of the question, and I have no doubt it will be debated."

New Haven Cuts Service To Aid Coal Shipments

New York, Jan. 3.—The New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad has decided to materially curtail its train service in order to make room for the movement of coal and war supplies. It was announced here today. Beginning January 6, thirty-two trains of the railroad will be discontinued. Among the well-known trains to be taken off the schedules are the Bay State Limited, the Boston-St. Louis Express and the State of Maine Ex-

THREE TEUTON SPY SUSPECTS SNARED BY U.S.

Fritz Piliz, Felix Malitz and Gustave Engler Are Interned.

New York, Jan. 3.—Three more Teuton suspects were caught in the Federal dragnet today.

Fritz von Piliz, variously known as "Baron" and "Prince" von Piliz, was arrested and interned. Felix Malitz and Gustave Engler are being held for further hearing.

Von Piliz, who, it is said, had posed as a Frenchman, was connected with the Prussian Colonization Bureau in 1902. In 1915 he arrived in the United States and attempted to circulate stories claiming to disclose "the true conditions in Italy." When Federal officers called today at his last known address he was said to have "gone away for his health," and the authorities refuse to disclose the details of his arrest. He is charged with being a dangerous propagandist.

Malitz, before the United States entered the war, was a promoter of German war "movies." He is well-known in German society circles.

Will Use Monument to See How Fast Balloons Can Fly

Incongruous though it may seem, the Washington monument is nevertheless going to assume a "circus" aspect this morning.

Immediately after daylight, a number of grave scientists will temporarily throw aside the dignity of their profession and become "just kids" while they fly a score of varicolored toy balloons from the tall tower of the historic structure.

Their object, to be sure, more than justifies this seemingly frivolous performance, for while they are playing

clear. The charge against him is conspiracy. One of the counts against Malitz is that in 1916 he smuggled rubber into Germany through the agency of the chief steward on a Norwegian vessel, who hid the contraband in sacks of sugar. He had come under the suspicion of U. S. officials as early as 1915.

The charge against Engler is also conspiracy. He has been in this country four years and Malitz for six years.

ITALIAN WHEAT SHORTAGE.

The wheat crop of Italy was 894,200 metric tons short in 1917, the Chamber of Commerce reported yesterday. The crop of Lombardy was 30 per cent short, and for the whole country proportionately less.

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Select Canned April Eggs, 1 doz. in carton.	46c
Fresh Creamery Butter, lb. print.	50c

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CAUTIONS AGAINST BOND LOAN SHARKS

Treasury Department Warns Soldiers of Shylocks in Army Camps.

Col. H. W. Lord, in charge of the army liberty loan campaign, has issued a warning to all army training camps to beware of loan sharks seeking to loan money at exorbitant rates on liberty bonds.

"It has been called to the attention of the Treasury Department," reads the notice, "that loan sharks are operating in the national army and National Guard camps, and directing their attention especially toward loans on liberty bonds. Loans from \$50 to \$75 are made on \$100 bonds at rates as high as 10 per cent.

"Army men should be protected at all hazards against those who would either misinform or otherwise take advantage of them with respect to their government bonds. Any reputable bank will give the market price for the bonds and should loan on them at a reasonable rate. Open market quotations for the bonds carry only a slight discount."

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